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UNCLAS PORT MORESBY 1068
E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MMOL PP
SUBJECT: PAPUA NEW GUINEA REQUEST FOR PUBLICATIONS ON EXPLOSIVE
ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD)

REFS: A) PORT MORESBY 61, B) PORT MORESBY 204, C) SECDEF
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1. REF C(WHICH HAD STATE CONCURRENCE) STATED EOD MANUALS
REQUESTED REF A SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
AS ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE COMMERCIALY AND A PRESIDENTIAL
DETERMINATION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SELL THEM UNDER FMS.
REF C WENT ON TO SUGGEST PNG SEEK AUSTRALIAN HELP BUT SAID
THAT IF GOA HAD MANUALS AND WERE WILLING TO TRANSFER THEM
TO PNG, STATE APPROVAL WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED AND 30 DAY
ADVANCE NOTICE GIVEN TO CONGRESS. FINALLY, REF C SAID THAT
IF AUSTRALIA WOULD PROVIDE PERSONNEL WITH EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST
PNG WITHOUT TRANSFER OF USG ORIGIN ARTICLES, NO SECRETARIAL
FINDING WOULD BE NECESSARY.

2. IT STRIKES US AS ABSURD THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE
EOD MANUALS TO A FRIENDLY COUNTRY WHICH HAS ALREADY
REMOVED 181 TONS OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE, MOST OF AMERICAN
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ORIGIN, AND WHICH FEARS THAT LARGE AMOUNTS REMAIN. REF C
COMES UP WITH ALL SORTS OF WAYS OF SAYING NO TO A
LEGITIMATE REQUEST WITH A HUMANITARIAN END, THAT OF
SAVING LIVES THREATENED BY U.S. ORDNANCE. IT SUGGESTS
THE AUSTRALIANS HELP INSTEAD. THE AUSTRALIANS ARE HELPING.
AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL ARE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE PNG
DEFENCE FORCE EOD UNIT. ALL PNG ASKS OF US ARE SOME

MANUALS WHICH MIGHT BE OF HELP. IF THEY WERE SEEKING
F-15S OR NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE WOULD MAKE
SENSE. IS THERE NO SENSIBLE SOLUTION TO A SIMPLE REQUEST
SHORT OF INVOLVING THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE CONGRESS?
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